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**CLARK, LINCOLN and WHITE PINE COUNTIES Groundwater Development Project DEIS  
WRITTEN COMMENT**

Page 3.18-12, Economic Base - first paragraph

There is no mention of competition from new (American) Indian Casinos opening in all but Utah and Hawaii. What is the projected future of an economy largely limited to gaming/entertainment in future markets competition? Will the Southern Nevada Gaming industry ever really "need the water"?

Page 3.18-27, Social Organizations and Conditions - 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph

"Expansion of the Las Vegas Valley's water supply is necessary to support growth and development in the Las Vegas Valley in the future. However, while lack of water would be a constraint to growth, water availability in and of itself, would not be the underlying cause of future growth."  
If availability of water is not a cause for growth, why spend billion of dollars on this pipeline boondoggle?

Page 3.18-71, *Indirect Growth Effects of Groundwater Pumping and Conveyance* - 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph

"SNWA's objectives for the development of ground water resources in Central Nevada are to diversify its available water resources to protect the community from drought shortage and to help meet projected water demands."

Don't the Tribes deserve the same protection? The Winters Doctrine Act of 1908 states:

"an Indian Reservation may reserve water for future use in an amount necessary to fulfill the purpose of the reservation." Reservation use has not been recognized by SNWA. Sound familiar?

Also, don't the residents of Central Nevada deserve the same protection? What make a Las Vegan more important than I am. I'm a former Las Vegas, does that count?

